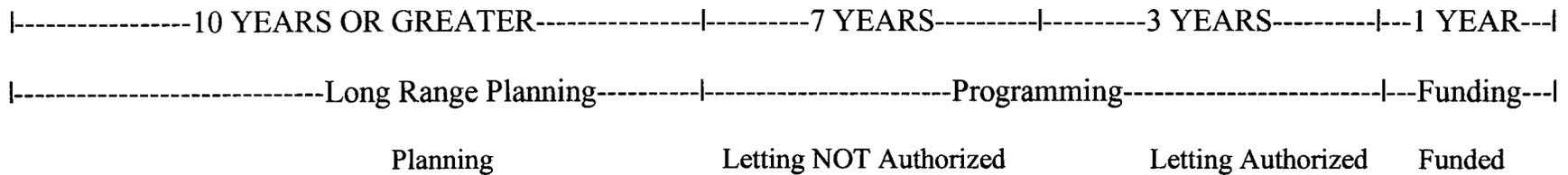
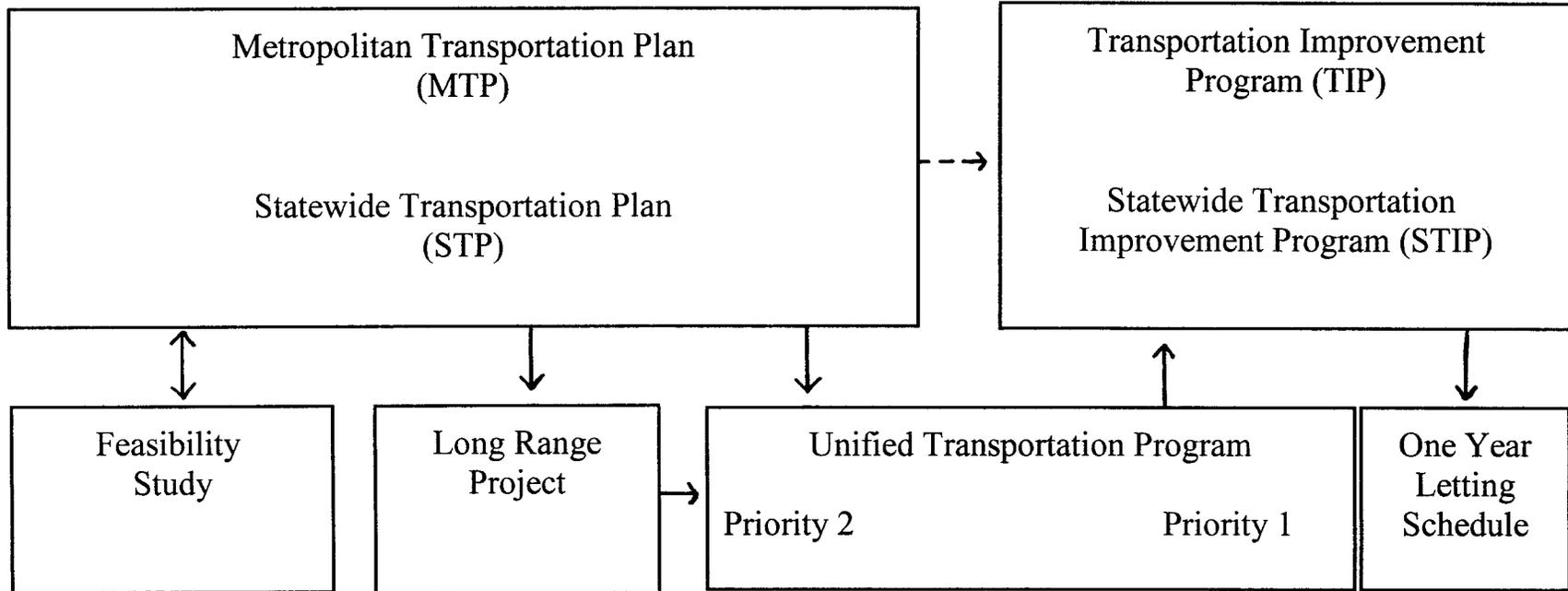
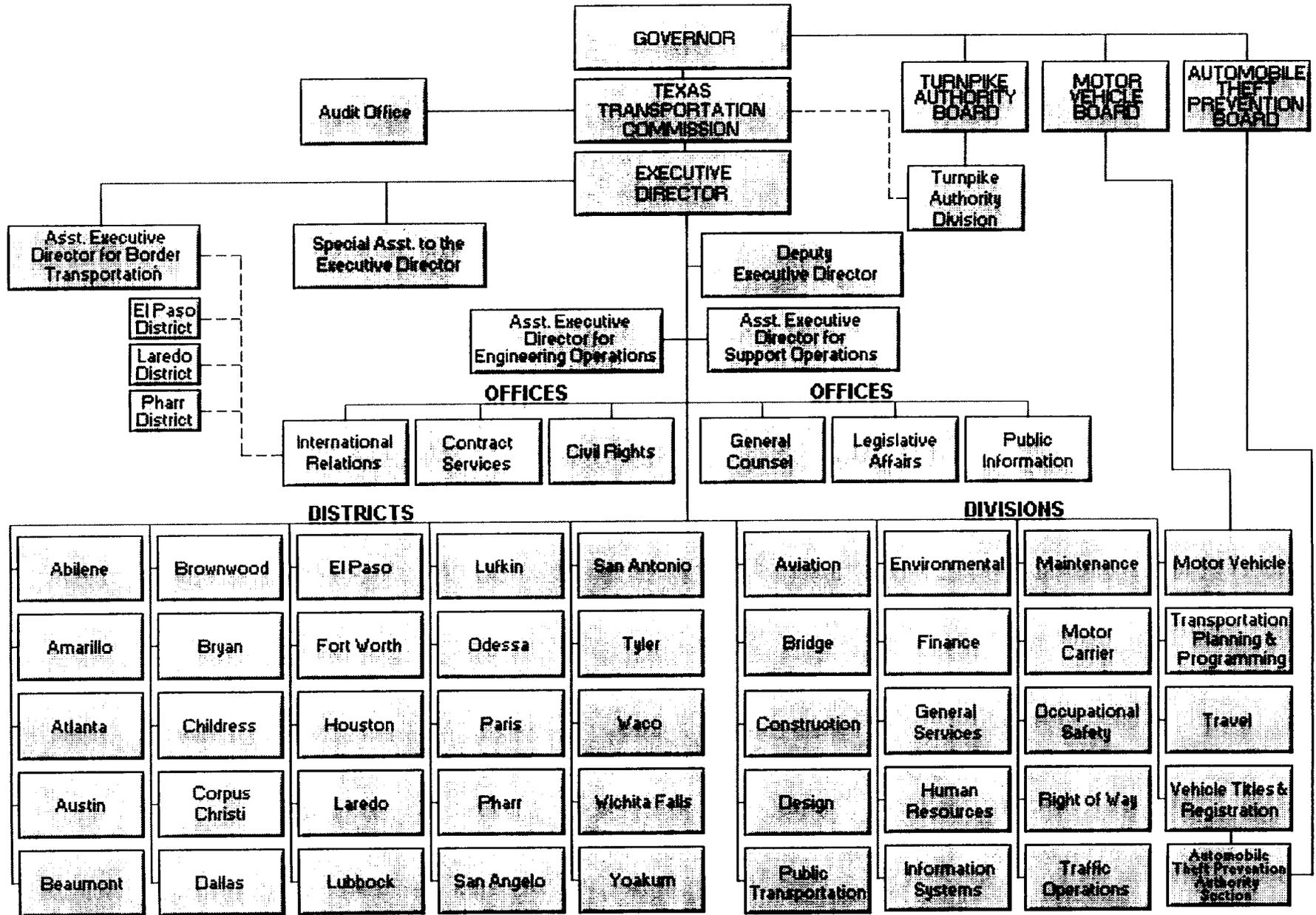


Appendix II
Miscellaneous

The Project Development / Planning Process



Organization Chart



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Information provided by TxDOT

**Parity Summary Chart regarding Regional Toll Authority Act (Chapter 366,
Transportation Code) and Turnpike Authority Act (Chapter 361,
Transportation Code)**

- a) Authorize the Texas Transportation Commission to request turnpike feasibility studies and for TTA to pay for those studies with money received from TxDOT.
- b) Expand TTA's authority to procure from TxDOT or outside providers, without the consent of the Commission, services for roadway maintenance, toll revenue collection, and traffic operations.
- c) Expand TTA's explicit ability to contract out the use of portions of the turnpike systems.
- d) Expand TTA's condemnation authority to include property necessary for mitigation of environmental effects, proper drainage, and service roads.
- e) Modify the requirement that TTA replace roads which were severed or affected by turnpike projects to account for the feasibility of replacing the severed or affected roads.
- f) Clarify that TTA has the authority, without requiring Commission consent, to adopt and enforce rules related to speed and weight limits for turnpikes; to engage in marketing and other promotional activities to encourage the use of toll systems; and to organize corporations under Chapter 431, Transportation Code, for the promotion and development of toll systems.
- g) Provide that the definition of 'turnpike projects' includes facilities such as a parking area or structure, rest stop, park, and other improvement or amenity that would be useful or beneficial for the operation of a turnpike project.
- h) Provide that costs covered by bond proceeds for a toll project also include costs of acquisitions, appraisals, and expenses associated with the initial operation of the turnpike project. Provide that bond proceeds may be used to pay for costs incurred before their issuance, including costs for environmental reviews, design, and planning, etc.
- i) Restore to TTA the ability to convert a state highway to a toll facility without an obligation to repay TxDOT if the Commission determines that substantial net benefit will accrue to the public from such conversion.